THE LEGEND OF ARCH CREEK MEMORIAL PARK

Until 1973 when it collapsed, the forty-foot natural bridge of Oolite limestone that spanned Arch Creek was one of South Florida's earliest landmarks. Prehistoric Indians occupied this site hundreds of years before European exploration. Evidence of their habitation has been found in the midden area.

In the early 1800's Seminole Indians lived in the area until forced out by United States soldiers during the Second Seminole War, 1836-1842. During the Third Seminole War, 1855-1859, a military trail connecting Ft. Lauderdale and Ft. Dallas passed over the bridge.

In 1892 the first county road to South Florida passed over the bridge, as did the Dixie Highway, which opened in 1915. A community known as Arch Creek grew up around the Arch Creek station of the Florida East Coast Railroad. In the past, this Natural Bridge had attacted both tourists and settlers.

By 1903, there were sufficient settlers to warrant the opening of the Arch Creek Post Office, which later became the North Miami Post Office.

After the collapse of the Natural Bridge in 1973, the Arch Creek Trust was formed to protect, preserve and restore the natural hammock and to reconstruct the Natural Bridge.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mail to:
Arch Creek Trust
1855 N.E. 135 Street
North Miami, Florida 33161

Annual Dues: $10.00 per household

NAME:_____ TELEPHONE:_____

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